

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1 1. (Currently Amended) A method for coupling a media adapter to an imaging
2 device, comprising:
3 positioning the media adapter adjacent a coupler on the imaging device;
4 receiving a media object inside the media adapter;
5 connecting a mating coupler on the media adapter to the coupler on the imaging device to
6 mechanically couple the media adapter to the imaging device; and
7 establishing a signal link between the mating coupler on the media adapter and the
8 imaging device.

1 2. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising delivering electrical power
2 to the media adapter over the signal link to the imaging device.

1 3. (Currently Amended) ~~The method of claim 1, further comprising~~ A method for
2 coupling a media adapter to an imaging device, comprising:
3 positioning the media adapter adjacent a coupler on the imaging device;
4 connecting a mating coupler on the media adapter to the coupler on the imaging device to
5 mechanically couple the media adapter to the imaging device;
6 establishing a signal link between the mating coupler on the media adapter and the
7 imaging device;
8 delivering electrical power to the media adapter over the signal link to the imaging
9 device; and
10 delivering control signals between the media adapter and the imaging device over the
11 signal link.

1 4. (Currently Amended) The ~~connector~~ method of claim 1, wherein the media
2 adapter is automatically aligned on a surface of the imaging device when the mating coupler on
3 the media adapter is connected to the coupler on the imaging device.

1 5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein positioning the media adapter is
2 adjacent a vertically-oriented imaging device.

1 6. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1, further comprising indicating to a user
2 when the mating coupler on the media adapter contacts the signal link to the imaging device.

1 7. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:
2 an imaging device;
3 a coupler on the imaging device;
4 a signal link established between the imaging device and said coupler on the imaging
5 device;
6 a media adapter; and
7 a mating coupler on the media adapter, said mating coupler contacting said signal link
8 when said mating coupler on the media adapter is connected to said coupler on the imaging
9 device, the signal link to communicate electrical power and control signals to the media adapter.

1 8. (Original) The system of claim 7, wherein said mating coupler on the media
2 adapter and said coupler on the imaging device mechanically and electrically couple the media
3 adapter to the imaging device.

1 9. (Original) The system of claim 7, wherein the media adapter is automatically
2 aligned with a surface of the imaging device when said mating coupler on the media adapter and
3 said coupler on the imaging device are connected.

1 10. (Original) The system of claim 7, wherein said signal link is to an electrical
2 power source in the imaging device.

1 11. (Original) The system of claim 10, wherein electrical power is delivered to the
2 media adapter via said signal link from the electrical power source in the imaging device.

1 12. (Original) The system of claim 7, wherein said signal link is to a controller in the
2 imaging device.

1 13. (Original) The system of claim 12, wherein control signals are delivered between
2 the media adapter and the controller in the imaging device over said signal link.

1 14. (Original) The system of claim 7, wherein said signal link is selected from the
2 following: electrical link, optical signal link, opto-electrical signal link, audible signal link.

1 15. (Original) The system of claim 7, wherein the media adapter is cordless.

1 16. (Original) The system of claim 7, wherein the media adapter is substantially L-
2 shaped for positioning on the imaging device.

1 17. (Original) The system of claim 7, wherein the imaging device is substantially
2 vertically oriented.

1 18. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 7, further comprising an indicator on said
2 media adapter, said indicator indicating to said user that the media adapter is connected to the
3 imaging device.

1 19. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for coupling a media adapter to an imaging
2 device, comprising:

3 positioning means for automatically aligning the media adapter adjacent a scanning
4 surface of the imaging device; and

5 coupling means for mechanically coupling the media adapter to the imaging device after
6 the media adapter is automatically aligned adjacent the scanning surface of the imaging device;
7 and

8 linking means for electrically linking the media adapter to the imaging device, said
9 linking means integral with said coupling means, the linking means for communicating control
10 signals to the media adapter and for providing electrical power to the media adapter.

1 20. – 21. (Cancelled)

1 22. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 19, further comprising means for indicating
2 to a user when the media adapter is electrically linked to the imaging device.

1 23. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein receiving the media object inside the
2 media adapter comprises receiving the media object in a slot of the media adapter.

1 24. (New) The method of claim 23, wherein receiving the media object in the slot of
2 the media adapter comprises receiving at least one of a transparent and semi-transparent media
3 object in the slot.

1 25. (New) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
2 activating a light source in the media adapter; and
3 backlighting the media object in the media adapter with light from the light source.

1 26. (New) The method of claim 25, wherein backlighting the media object comprises
2 backlighting the media object through a diffuser in the media adapter.

1 27. (New) The method of claim 3, wherein delivering control signals over the signal
2 link comprises delivering control signals to turn on or off a light source in the media adapter.

1 28. (New) The method of claim 27, wherein delivering control signals over the signal
2 link comprises delivering further control signals to adjust light emitted from a light source in the
3 media adapter.

1 29. (New) The method of claim 3, wherein delivering electrical power comprises
2 delivering electrical power from a power source in the imaging device to the media adapter, and
3 wherein delivering control signals comprises delivering control signals from a controller in the
4 imaging device to the media adapter.

1 30. (New) The system of claim 7, wherein the imaging device comprises a controller
2 and a power source, the signal link to communicate electrical power from the power source of
3 the imaging device to the media adapter, and the signal link to communicate the control signals
4 from the controller to the media adapter.

1 31. (New) The system of claim 7, wherein the media adapter has a slot to receive a
2 media object to be imaged.

1 32. (New) The system of claim 31, wherein the media adapter has a light source to
2 backlight the media object in the slot of the media adapter.

1 33. (New) The apparatus of claim 19, wherein the linking means is for providing
2 electrical power from a power source in the imaging device to the media adapter, and the linking
3 means is for communicating control signals from a controller in the imaging device to the media
4 adapter.

1 34. (New) An apparatus for use with an imaging device having a power source and a
2 coupler, comprising:

3 a media adapter having a mating coupler to mechanically and electrically connect to the
4 coupler of the imaging device, the media adapter further having a slot to receive a media object;
5 and

6 a link established between the mating coupler of the media adapter and the coupler of the
7 imaging device, the link to provide electrical power from the imaging device to the media
8 adapter.

1 35. (New) The apparatus of claim 34, wherein the media adapter further comprises a
2 light source to backlight the media object in the media adapter.

1 36. (New) The apparatus of claim 35, wherein the link is adapted to communicate
2 control signals from a controller in the imaging device to turn on or off the light source.

1 37. (New) The apparatus of claim 36, wherein the link is adapted to communicate
2 further control signals from the controller in the imaging device to adjust light emitted from the
3 light source.